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Judge Diane Gujarati United States District Court 225 Cadman Plaza East Brooklyn, New York 11201

> Re: U.S. v. Theodore Persico 21 CR 466 (ARR)

Dear Judge Gujarati,

cc:

I represent Defendant Theodore Persico ("Persico") in this matter. I write to respectfully request that Mr. Persico's appearance at the status conference scheduled for March 4, 2022 be waived.

Mr. Persico is currently incarcerated in the older building of the Metropolitan Detention Center ("M.D.C."), where older inmates and those with health issues are generally housed.

It is our understanding that upon the return to the M.D.C. after an in-person appearance, inmates have been quarantined by the Bureau of Prisons for as long as three weeks. (Indeed, after Mr. Persico's initial appearance in this matter, he was kept in quarantine for over a month.)

Wherefore, I respectfully request that Mr. Persico's appearance at the status conference scheduled for March 4, 2022 be waived.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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